

Cuba Denies Release of Prisoners

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HAVANA (AP). — Berta Barreto de los Heros, coordinator of a committee negotiating for release of the Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners, today denied reports from Miami that freedom of the captives has been secured.

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 6 (AP). — The 1,113 prisoners taken in last year's abortive Bay of Pigs invasion have been released from Cuban jail and will be returned to the United States, probably beginning tonight, a usually reliable Cuban exile source said today.

Details of the release and times of arrival in the United States were unavailable. But the Miami News said its source, equally reliable, said the removal of prisoners would be accomplished as quickly as possible.

The newspaper said the prisoners would be landed at Miami International Airport and taken to the former Marine Air Base at suburban Opa-Locka for interviews and physical examinations.

The newspaper's sources said the Castro government was promised between \$30 and \$60 million worth of medicine, food and other supplies in exchange. Source of the supplies was not disclosed.

For the past several days, New York lawyer James B. Donovan has been negotiating with Fidel Castro to work out a release.

Mr. Donovan was successful a year ago in the release of U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers from Russia.